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SUBJECT: INDO-U.S. ECONOMIC AND COMMERCIAL SUBCOMMISSION
MEETING - AGENDA

REF: NEW DELHI 3308

1. INDIANS DELIVERED FOLLOWING DRAFT AGENDA TO DEPARTMENT
MARCH 9 WITH REQUEST FOR COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

A. BILATERAL MATTERS

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1. TRADE:

(I) REVIEW OF THE INDO-U.S. TRADE AND MEASURES FOR EXPANSION WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO U.S. GSP.

(II) NON-TARIFF BARRIERS TO TRADE WITH U.S. WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO TEXTILES EXPORTS.

(III) REVIEW OF ACTION TAKEN SINCE LAST MEETING WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO (A) CHANGES IN THE SPECIFICATIONS OF JUTE AS BAILING MATERIAL FOR NEW COTTON, AND AS BAILING MATERIAL RAW COTTON, AND (B) MARKET SURVEYS.

2. INVESTMENT:

DISCUSSION REGARDING AREAS FOR INVESTMENT AND PROBLEMS RELATING TO FERA.

3. COOPERATION IN THIRD COUNTRIES

CONSIDERATION OF PRACTICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEASURES TO PROMOTE JOINT VENTURES, JOINT BIDDING AND SUB CONTRACTING BETWEEN INDIAN AND U.S. FIRMS IN THIRD COUNTRIES.

4. INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS:

(I) REVIEW OF THE OUTCOME OF THE INDO-U.S. JOINT BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING IN FEBRUARY 76.

(II) CONSIDERATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF SECOND MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL INPUTS GROUP HELD IN WASHINGTON IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER, 1975 AND PREPARATION OF DIRECTIVES FOR THIRD MEETING.

(III) FINALIZING THE SETTING UP OF A GROUP ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION AND CONSIDERATION OF THE SCOPE AND FUNCTIONS OF SUCH A GROUP.

(IV) REPORT REGARDING PROGRESS ON NEGOTIATIONS FOR TREATY ON AVOIDANCE OF DOUBLE TAXATION.
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B. MULTILATERAL ISSUES

(I) MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AT THE G.A.T.T.

(II) REVIEW OF THE GSP SCHEMES OF VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

(III) ITEMS TO BE COVERED AT UNCTAD IV WITH REFERENCE TO NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS CURRENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION AT GENEVA

(IV) CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC COOPERATION.

2. SUBJECT TO INTERAGENCY CONSULTATION, WE INTEND TO ADD
FOLLOWING ITEMS TO INDIAN PROPOSED AGENDA:

- A. IDI ARBITRATION PROBLEM
- B. PROBLEMS OF U.S. AIR CARRIERS IN INDIA
- C. GENERAL COMMERCIAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING INDIVIDUAL
U.S. FIRMS.

3. INDIAN DRAFT MENTIONED NEITHER FDA REJECTION OF INDIAN
SEAFOOD EXPORTS ON SANITARY PROBLEM NOR SHIPPING CONFERENCE
ISSUE.

4. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S COMMENTS ON PRO-
POSED AGENDA. KISSINGER

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